Friends of Hereward

Trustees Annual Report for Year End 31st December 2025

Financial period: 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Charity name: Friends of Hereward College
Charity number: 1159732
Legal structure: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Date registered: 29 December 2014

Registered address:
Hereward College
Bramston Crescent
Tile Hill Lane
Tile Hill
Coventry
CV4 9SW

2. Structure, Governance and Management

Friends of Hereward College is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

The charity is governed by its trustees, who are responsible for the strategic direction, governance and oversight of the charity and for ensuring that its resources are used in furtherance of its charitable purposes. During 2025, trustees continued to oversee the charity's work and met during the year to consider its activities and future development.

Trustees

The trustees serving during the year included:

- Paul Cook, Trustee and Chair
- Cora Taylor, Trustee
- Kate O'Leary, Trustee

The previous Trustees' Annual Report recorded that Simon Shackleton was stepping down as Chair and relinquishing his role as Trustee during 2025, following completion of the maximum permitted

ten years of service, with Kate O'Leary having been accepted as a trustee, Kate's registered appointment took place on 11th June 2025.

3. Objectives and Activities

Aims and Purposes

Friends of Hereward College aims to provide Hereward College students with disabilities and the wider disabled community with opportunities and resources which enhance their development of social and educational aspirations, enabling them to participate more equally and actively in society.

In carrying out these objectives, the trustees seek to support initiatives that promote:

- inclusion and participation;
- independence;
- educational and personal development;
- social interaction;
- enterprise and employability skills;
- accessible sport and recreation; and
- opportunities and resources that enhance the experiences of disabled students and the wider disabled community.

4. Achievements and Activities During 2025

Enterprise and Business in Action

Friends of Hereward continued its involvement with the student enterprise group, the Business in Action initiative during 2025. A Friends of Hereward board meeting with Business in Action was held on 2nd April 2025 on campus. This continued the charity's involvement in supporting opportunities associated with enterprise and the development of students' business skills.

Accessible Sport and Physical Activity

Accessible sport and physical activity remained an important area of support during 2025. The charity helped to enhance opportunities for disabled students to participate in inclusive sporting activities and physical exercise, promoting health, wellbeing, confidence and social engagement.

Funding secured during the year supported specialist coaching and the development of inclusive sports programmes, including powerchair sports and an inclusive golf initiative delivered by qualified professionals. The charity also funded specialist powerchair sports equipment and participation in a regional powerchair league helping to increase the enjoyment and impact of sport and ensure activities could be accessed safely and inclusively by a wider range of students.

These activities furthered the charity's objective of advancing opportunities for disabled young people and enabling greater participation in sport and community life.

Wider Charitable Activities

During the year, trustees continued to support projects and initiatives that provided a direct benefit to Hereward College students and contributed to the charity's overall objectives.

Funding was obtained from a range of charitable trusts, foundations and community partners to support student activities, specialist equipment and wider inclusion projects. This included the purchase of hardware, software and support to help students access innovative learning resources and develop independence and digital skills.

Trustees remain committed to identifying opportunities where charitable funds can make a meaningful difference to students and support the wider mission of improving opportunities for disabled people within the college community.

5. Financial Review

1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2025
	£
Income	
Donations and grants	50,850
Business in Action	1,049
Indigo takings	14,944
	66,842
Expenditure	

Gifts and grants to Hereward College	4,203
Gifts and grants to disabled community	3,000
Indigo set up and support costs	687
Indigo running expenses	13,050
	20,939
Surplus	**45,903**

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BALANCE SHEET

	2025
	£
Current Assets	
Cash at bank	124,244
Debtors	5,228
	129,472
Creditors	
Hereward College	38,348
Net Assets	**91,125**
Represented by:-	
Reserves B/fwd	45,221
From Income & Expenditure	45,903
Total Reserves	**91,125**

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Friends of Hereward College		
On accounts for the year ended	31/12/2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1159732
Set out on pages	1-3 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:	*Brian Mullis*	**Date:**	22/10/2026
Name:	Brian Mullis		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:	56 South Avenue		
	Coventry		
	CV2 4DR		

Additional Information

Basis on which accounts have been prepared:
Please refer to Independent Examiner's report above.

Government contracts

Number of contracts, excluding grant agreements, received from central government/local authorities:
None

Government grants

Number of grants received from central government/local authorities: None

Total value: Not applicable

Significant donations

A significant donation was received from Access Foundation of £25,221 granted to Friends of Hereward to improve digital literacy skills.

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6. Grant Making

Is making grants the main way Friends of Hereward carries out its charitable purposes?
No

A grant was given to an individual of £3000.

Were any grant recipients related parties?
No

7. Trustee Payments and Related Parties

Were any trustees paid during 2025, excluding legitimate out-of-pocket expenses?
No

Did any trustee resign and subsequently take up employment with the charity during 2025?
No

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8. Activities and Funding Outside the United Kingdom

Income received from outside the UK:
No

Charitable activities delivered outside the UK:
No

Funds spent outside the UK:
No

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9. Trading Subsidiaries

Does Friends of Hereward have any trading subsidiaries?
No

10. Property

Friends of Hereward is a CIO. No property is held.

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11. Employees and Volunteers

At 31 December 2025:

Employment information	Number/value
Permanently employed directly by the charity	Not applicable
Fixed-term employees directly employed	Not applicable
Self-employed people working for the charity	Not applicable
Above individuals working outside UK	Not applicable
Total employee payroll during 2025	Not applicable
Employees receiving £60,000+ total benefits	Not applicable
Highest-paid employee benefits, if applicable	Not applicable

Volunteers

Estimated number of active volunteers during 2025, excluding trustees:
None

12. Governance, Policies and Procedures

Trustees are currently developing our Complaints policy and procedures and Financial reserves policy and procedures, other policies listed we have adopted and are available on the Hereward college website.

- Complaints policy and procedures
- Financial reserves policy and procedures
- Internal charity financial controls policy and procedures
- Safeguarding policy and procedures
- Serious incident reporting policy and procedures
- Social media policy and procedures
- Trustee expenses policy and procedures

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13. Safeguarding

The trustees recognise the importance of safeguarding within activities involving children and adults at risk.

Annual Return declaration

Did the charity provide services to children and/or adults at risk during 2025?
No

DBS

For roles eligible for checks, confirm whether the necessary levels were obtained:

DBS level	All eligible roles covered?
Standard DBS	Yes
Enhanced DBS	Yes
Enhanced DBS with Barred List(s)	Yes

Should a Trustee be appointed outside of the Hereward College corporation they would be subjected to appropriate Enhanced Adult and Child barred checks

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14. Serious Incidents

Did Friends of Hereward become aware of any serious incidents during the reporting period?
No

If applicable, have all serious incidents, including relevant historical incidents becoming known during the period, been reported to the Charity Commission?
Not applicable

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16. Future Plans

The trustees intend to continue developing Friends of Hereward's activities in furtherance of its charitable purposes.

Priorities include:

- broadening involvement with the charity across the College;
- developing appropriate funding applications and fundraising opportunities;
- supporting accessible sport and wellbeing;
- developing opportunities that promote social inclusion;
- developing opportunities for outdoor learning
- supporting enterprise, skills development and independence; and
- identifying projects and resources that provide demonstrable benefits to students and the wider disabled community.

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17. Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

In planning and delivering the charity's activities during the year, the trustees have considered how those activities further its charitable purposes and provide public benefit.

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18. Trustee Approval

This Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the trustees on:

Date: 23/10/2026

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Paul Cook

Trustee and Chair

Signature:



Date: 27/10/2026

Kate O'Leary

Trustee

Signature:



Date: 27/10/2026

Cora Taylor

Trustee

Signature:

